

Delaware Stroke System Committee Meeting

EMS and Preparedness Section Offices – Smyrna, Delaware

August 8, 2018 1:00- 2:00 PM

Members Present: Jonathan Raser-Schramm, Amber Brown, Ashish Khandelwal, Lynn Toth, Megan Williams, Sandra Gibney, Kimberly Holmes, Bruce Dopler, Ross Megargel, Vincent Miller, Russel Stinson, Matthew Pragg, Kelly Abbrescia, Thinesh Sivapatham (phone)

Alternates/Guests Present: Rob Mauch, Tawny Jackson

Staff Present: MarySue Jones, Jacki Poore, Linda Heinold, Robert Acquah

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>	<u>Information/Action Plan</u>
<u>I. Welcome and Introductions</u>		
<u>II. Subcommittee And Agency Reports</u>		
A. Data and Quality Subcommittee	Jonathan Raser-Schramm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Data and Quality Subcommittee is continuing to work toward development of a statewide stroke database. The American Heart Association (AHA) is willing to provide the state with the first year Super User subscription with their vendor IQVIA, which will allow statewide data analysis using Get with the Guidelines hospital data. State and hospital data agreements need to be completed. The subcommittee members have begun case reviews at each meeting, which will continue on a rotating schedule among the hospitals. The members have discussed the stroke and RACE score prehospital standing orders and have made recommendations to Dr. Megargel, State EMS Medical Director.
B. Nominating Subcommittee	Lynn Toth	There are three open legislated positions on the Stroke System Committee. This subcommittee has requested nominations and so far have received one for neurosurgery and some interest for the hospital administration position. The other open position is rehabilitation therapists. Volunteers are still needed.
C. Delaware Stroke Program Coalition	J. Raser-Schramm for M. Ciechanowski	<p>At their last meeting they discussed the recent American Heart Association stroke guidelines which have been substantially revised. They also discussed the prehospital standing orders and their recommendations for revisions.</p> <p>MarySue Jones brought everyone's attention to the Stroke System of Care law, which states that the subcommittees fall under the Stroke System of Care Committee, which in turn falls under the oversight of the Director of Public Health.</p>
D. Member Agencies	Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amber Brown- Nanticoke has found that the NIH Stroke Scale certifications are now for one year rather than two. She asked for input and was told that some of the hospitals use HealthStream which allows hospitals to set their own requirements. Vincent Miller- The Fire School has added more didactic and practical stroke scale education to the EMT-B curriculum, with the intent of increasing the completion rate and the accuracy of RACE scale documentation. Dr. Kelly Abbrescia- BayHealth is in the process of revising their Stroke Alert communication process with the goal of further decreasing time to definitive treatment.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ashish Khandelwal- Health South Middletown is now a Joint Commission Certified Stroke Rehabilitation Center. Health South is working with the AHA to develop acute rehabilitation guidelines for stroke patients. • Rob Mauch- Sussex EMS has developed a very good process with Beebe, Nanticoke and BayHealth hospitals for getting timely feedback on the stroke patients they transport. The information is shared with the medics who cared for the patients for educational purposes. • Dr. Bruce Dopler shared information about a trip made to Peninsula Regional Medical Center to learn about their stroke care capabilities. • Dr. Jonathan Raser-Schramm- Christiana Care had their Joint Commission survey since the last meeting. The surveyors were very complimentary of Delaware's statewide stroke system. • Tawny Jackson (AHA) shared the status of the Super User account project. MarySue noted that the Division of Public Health needs to be brought into the project as there are state requirements that need to be met. This will be discussed further at the Quality and Data Subcommittee meeting. Hospitals will have addenda to their existing agreements to be signed in order to participate. Tawny will be an educational resource for the project. • Dr. Sandy Gibney (St. Francis) reported that they have a new Stroke Coordinator. • Kim Holmes (BayHealth) reported that they have hired their third neurology hospitalist to cover their two campuses.
<u>III. Unfinished Business</u>		
A. Stroke System Coordinator position	MarySue Jones	The posting closed on April 9 th and interviews have been completed. Negotiation with the top candidate is in process.
B. EMS Standing Orders Input	Ross Megargel	The EMS Medical Directors accepted the recommendations of the Stroke System Committee in full, and they have been placed in the standing orders. The orders were accepted by the ALS Standards Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline two weeks ago. The next step is approval by the full Board on September 18 th . In the meantime, training materials are being put together. ALS orders are expected to go live by November 5 th , with the Fire Commission to decide when BLS orders will go live. It is expected that all changes will be accepted.
<u>IV. New Business</u>		
A. Public Education Subcommittee	Kimberley Holmes	Kim sent a letter asking for volunteers for this subcommittee last week and received 21 responses from Christiana Care and 8 from BayHealth. They are still looking for representation from Beebe, Nanticoke, St. Francis and Nemours/A.I. duPont hospitals. Next steps need to be identified. There was a suggestion to reach out to the Acquired (formerly Traumatic) Brain Injury Association for possible partnering with their public education work.
<u>V. Path Forward/Plan</u>		
		Public education subcommittee development, system data, and bringing on a Coordinator.
<u>VI. Adjournment</u>		
		<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.</p> <p>Next meeting Tuesday, October 16, 2018 1:00-2:30 at Edgehill Public Health Training Center</p>